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Flivvers' Welch & Kleisner Fastest Lineman, Top Punter

All-Star Players Stage 'Challenge'

MARQUETTE - Kingsford's Cole Welch was the fastest lineman, while Ryan Kleisner led the punting competition in the U.P. All-Star Football Game's Players Skills Challenge here Wednesday.

Welch was timed at 4.764 seconds in the 40 yard dash. Kleisner's best punt traveled 55 yards.

For some of the challenges, the players were split into two divisions so that the lineman could have equal billing like everyone else.

"I just asked if we could have our own competition for just the linemen," said Forest Park's Ed Zarn. "We are not as fast as those little guys on our team but still want to compete in many of the events."

Adding the new division saw the Skills Challenge take on a whole new atmosphere as there were several competitions taking place within each event.

Results follow:

Fastest Man - CJ Paquin, Cedarville, 40 yard dash, 4.488 seconds (electronic timed).

Fastest Man (Lineman) - Cole Welch, Kingsford, 4.764 seconds (electronic timed).

Strongest Man - Josh Hadel, Gladstone, Bench Press, 225 pounds, 21 repetitions.

Strongest Man (Non-Lineman) - Dan Perrault, L'Anse, Bench Press, 225 pounds, 16 repetitions.

Quarterback Challenge - Jordan Maccoux, Menominee, Distance Thrown, 57 yards.

Receiver Challenge - Derek Horde, Sault Ste Marie, 52 catches/56 thrown.

Receiver Challenge (Lineman) - Zack Anderla, Menominee, 32 catches/32 thrown.

Punting - Ryan Kleisner, Kingsford, 55 yards.

Kicking - Dan Menze, Marquette, 51 yards.

All-Star reception is set for 5 PM (Central time) tonight at the YMCA.

On Friday, All-Star players will conduct a youth camp at the Superior Dome from 6 PM to 8 PM.

Underclassmen combine will take place on Saturday morning at 8 AM before the All-Star Game at 2 PM.